

AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

River Plate Room, Town Hall

Meeting No.7

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*****Committee Photo Preceding the Meeting*** to be confirmed**

1. Call to Order

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

3. Approval of Minutes

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4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan 2016 Work Plan (6:15 – 6:35 p.m.) (J. Schofield)

4.2 Ontario Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Theme (6:35 – 6:45 p.m.) (J. Schofield)

4.3 Adopt-a-Road/Park/Trail Follow-up Discussion (6:45 – 7:05 p.m.) (J. Schofield)

5. Correspondence

6. Update from Council

7. Standing Items

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7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update (K. Sellers)

7.3 Durham-York Energy Centre Update (N. Burnett)

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., River Plate Room, Town Hall



DRAFT MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee
October 8, 2015
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Committee Members: Melissa Beynon
 Kayla Ginter
 Jeff Hammond
 David Hogg
 Lesia Lapointe
 Valerie Silveira
 Scott Slack

Staff: Jade Schofield, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
 Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Guests: Sarah Fleischhauer, Interim Durham Stewardship Coordinator
 Stev Andis, Senior Policy Planner

Regrets: Councillor Joanne Dies, Neil Burnett, Jeff Hill, Kim Sellers

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Slack called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: J. Hammond
Seconded By: D. Hogg

That the September 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review

Stev Andis, Senior Policy Planner, delivered a presentation relative to a comprehensive review being conducted of the Town's Zoning By-law. The Zoning By-law defines how private property and town-owned lands (exclusive to public roadways) is used, including where different types of land uses such as residential and employment are allowed, how close

buildings can be to a property line, how tall buildings can be, how much parking is required and other standards. The current, in-effect Zoning By-law for the Town of Ajax was adopted by Ajax Council on July 14, 2003. The Town of Ajax is undertaking a comprehensive review to implement new Official Plan policies, and address opportunities to improve how the existing Zoning By-law works.

S. Andis noted that the first phase of the review consists of soliciting public comment on multiple discussion papers written about integral elements of the Zoning By-law: stable neighbourhoods, intensification areas, employment areas, transportation requirements, Pickering Village, sustainability elements, definitions and by-law format, and the greenlands system. S. Andis reviewed proposed changes to the by-law format in order to improve usability, such as incorporating graphics, removing duplication, providing accessible formats and leveraging interactive digital media. A high-level overview of each discussion paper was provided.

The consultation portion of the review will include public consultation meetings, online opportunities, social media, promotional materials and the project's webpage. S. Andis walked Members through the project webpage and noted that comments could be submitted individually or on behalf of the Committee, until December 11, 2015. The next phase of the project will include gathering comment information to incorporate into technical reports.

Preliminary comments and questions from the Committee on the Zoning By-law Review related to proposed shifts in commercial zoning to mixed-use residential zones.

The Committee was encouraged to review the Greenlands and Sustainability Elements Discussion Papers and provide comments.

4.2 Adopt-a-Park/Road Program

J. Schofield discussed the Town's Adopt-a-park program. The program allows individuals or community groups to "adopt" a caretaking role for a public park or portion of municipal roadway for a 2 year commitment. Supplies such as gloves and bags are provided by the Town for the minimum of two clean ups per year. A sign acknowledging the adoption is also placed onsite. J. Schofield noted that the program is currently being re-launched with updates to the website, a new brochure and community partnership with the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade. An online map will be developed to identify potential sites for adoption.

Members discussed the opportunity to adopt a road or park and invite other Advisory Committees to take part in the two annual clean-ups.

Moved By: D. Hogg
Seconded By: J. Hammond

That the Environmental Advisory Committee select a park or road location to adopt.

CARRIED

4.3 "Every Minute Counts" Anti-idling Program

J. Schofield discussed the origin of the Town's anti-idling by-law noting that is currently only applies to public property. She noted intent on expanding enforcement zones to include private properties (schools, businesses, etc.). A video was shown identifying the environmental impact of idling. The video is intended to be used as a tool to take information on the campaign and by-law to community organizations and businesses.

Members shared observations of idling witnessed throughout the municipality, with Rotary Park and Durham Transit as concerns. It was noted that the anti-idling cannot be enforced on public transit vehicles.

4.4 Clean Air Council – Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change

J. Schofield provided information on the Clean Air Council (CAC), a network of municipalities, health units and federal and provincial governments from across the Greater Toronto, Hamilton and South-western Ontario Area. The CAC hosts annual summits that focus on initiatives aimed to improve air quality in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. In recent years, the Summit has expanded its focus to include green development, climate change and green economic development, and acts as a forum for municipalities to sign the Inter-Governmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change. J. Schofield reviewed the themes of the 2015-2018 Declaration. A copy of the staff report will be circulated for the Committee's review.

The 2015 Clean Air Summit will be held in Toronto on Friday, Friday, October 23, 2015 and Members were invited to attend.

5. Correspondence

J. Schofield provided details of several forthcoming environmental events including a Beneficial Insects Workshop (October 22, 2015) and Community Planting event at Greenwood (October 24, 2015). Full details are available at www.ajax.ca/environmentalevents.

6. Update from Council

None.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

The Committee's Adopt-a Park/Road initiative was requested to be added to the Work Plan.

7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update

None.

7.4 Durham York Energy Centre Update

Provided by N. Burnett separate from Meeting: The Durham York Energy Centre is close to completing component and system commissioning for the energy-from-waste plant and moving to the Acceptance Testing phase. This is a rigorous 30 day multi-system performance and emission assessment program run under strict test protocols. Once the testing has been satisfactorily completed and emission results accepted by the MOECC, the Regions can approve the plant for full scale operation.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: D. Hogg
Seconded By: V. Silveira

That the October 8, 2015 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned.
(8:00 p.m.)

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2014-2018 WORK PLAN

PROJECT ITEM		OBJECTIVES & SUMMARY	LEAD	TIMELINE	STATUS / NOTES
1	Ajax Waterfront Management & Shoreline Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail improvements Carruthers Marsh rehabilitation Pickering Beach Bioswales Algae growth Water quality testing Interpretive signage 	Catherine Bridgeman, Kevin Tryon, Tim Field	Annual: Spring	
2	Environmental Education & Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Water Week Earth Hour Green Living Days Pollinator workshops Ajax in Bloom Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Community cleanups Bring Back the Salmon event 	Jade Schofield, Vanessa Lorrain, TRCA	Annual: Spring	
3	Stormwater Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater pond rehabilitation projects Low impact development projects (rain gardens, bioswales) 	Kevin Tryon. Catherine Bridgeman	Annual	
4	Planning & Development Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed development update Active transportation update Engineering update 	Planning & Development	Twice Annually	
5	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Regional Update- residential waste? (tbd)</i> Annual facility waste audits Green event policy comments Public space litter control education campaign, 	Jade Schofield	Fall 2015	

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6	Urban Forest Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAB & Ice Storm Damage update LEAF program Educational program update Urban Forest Management Plan consultation 	Tim Field, Craig Blencowe, Jade Schofield	Annual: Spring	
7	Capital Projects- Operations Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Catherine Bridgeman	Annual/ as needed update	
8	Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 Action Items 2016 workplan consultation 	Jade Schofield	Annual: Fall	
9	Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comments on plan Green fleet initiative LED conversion strategy 	Jade Schofield, Ray Ford, Chris Addley, Rick Chalmers	Spring 2015 & update annually	
10	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Region of Durham's Climate Adaptation Strategy 	Brian Kelly, Region of Durham	Spring/ Fall 2015.	